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Seventy-Five Cents



CHRIS HAYES accepts his high school diploma Saturday, Feb. 16, from board chairman Chris Smiley as superintendent Charles Proffitt looks on. Hayes is the third local student to receive his diploma in the Access Point program now offered by the Dawson Springs Independent School District.

\$50,582 IS PRELIMINARY AMOUNT

Board Takes No Action On Insurance Assessment

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Board of Education voted Monday night to take no action at this time on paying the estimated assessment for the failed Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust. The trust, an insurance pool established to help school districts lower the cost of liability, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, will be dissolved June 30.

Participants in the plan paid insurance premiums into the pool, and claims were paid out of the pool. According to their contracts with the insurance trust, participants

ing districts were responsible in the event the pool experienced a lack of funds. With the trust now in financial ruin, those districts are responsible for liabilities totaling \$50 million to \$60 million.

Dawson Springs' preliminary assessment is \$50,582, a far greater amount than originally expected. Because the local district had not participated in the trust since 2000, it was initially believed its share would be minimal. However, during the time period used for the assessment, the district filed a large workers' compensation claim, and 60 percent of a district's assessment is based on workers' comp.

According to Superintendent Charles Proffitt, most area superintendents are recommending that their boards take no action until a final assessment is made. He is also waiting for guidance from the school board attorney.

The treasurer's report included a balance of \$1,373,438.01 at the end of January. The General Fund balance was \$55,620 less than at this time last year, an improvement over the past several months. However, this improvement will likely be short lived.

"It looks good compared to other

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Limit Burning For Spring Fire Hazard Season

Kentucky law designates Feb. 15 through April 30 as spring forest fire hazard season. During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The law is intended to prevent forest fires by allowing outdoor burning only after 6 p.m. when conditions are less likely to cause a wildfire to spread.

"Wildfire is an extremely dangerous situation that doesn't have to happen," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry. "Kentuckians have lived with wildfires for so long that people think they are a natural occurrence, but nothing can be further from the truth. Deliberate or careless acts by people lead to wildfires with the largest two causes by far being arson and burning of trash and debris."

Last year, KDF suppressed 1,234 fires that burned 32,855 acres across

the state, and arson continued to be the leading cause of wildfires in Kentucky.

To reduce the risks of wildfire, forestry officials recommend citizens be aware of the fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws, campfire safety and precautions to take while burning woody debris. The following guidelines provided by KDF summarize the specifics of forest fire season:

• Be aware of all outdoor burning restrictions, including forest fire hazard seasons, air pollution regulations and restrictions imposed by local ordinances and county burn bans.

• Avoid burning debris during fire hazard seasons and during times of dry, windy conditions.

• Completely extinguish all campfires and debris piles. Never leave a fire unattended and always extinguish fires if conditions

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TAYLER MILLS, daughter of Hank and Lesley Mills, gives her dad a hug when she is recognized during senior night activities at the Tuesday, Feb. 12, basketball game.

photo by Mike Howton

Transportation Cabinet Offers Survey

Time is running out for Kentuckians to share opinions and make their voices heard in a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet initiative to update the Long Range Transportation Plan of the Commonwealth.

Members of the public have until Feb. 25 to take a brief, confidential survey designed to gauge opinion on Kentucky's transportation system and what it should offer in decades to come.

To date, more than 8,200 people have taken the Your Turn survey, which is of-

fered online and also in person.

The Your Turn survey consists of 19 questions concerning demographics, transportation needs and desires and funding options.

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DAPS Benefits From Local Food Drive

By Carolyn Walker

Local residents, churches and organizations have been challenged to participate in the 40 Cans for Lent program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 15181. Dawson Area Personal Services will benefit from the plan which asks each participant to donate a can of food each day during Lent.

The effort is off to a good start. According to the Rev. Larry Davidson, 770 items have been delivered to the food bank so far, with five different churches involved. Another 380 items were purchased by the First Christian Church youth group with the proceeds of a Sweetheart Dinner held Feb. 10.

The donations could not have come at a better time. Keeping the shelves at DAPS stocked was a struggle during the last months of 2012 because of the increasing need. In January of this year, 71 clients were assisted with 1,805 food items, and 26 clients received \$1,042.22 in monetary assistance. These are the larg-

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Obituary

Opal M. Bennett, 79

Wed 2/20	Thu 2/21	Fri 2/22	Sat 2/23	Sun 2/24
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				Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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Dawson Springs Police Officers Report Last Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Tamera L. Alexander, 44, School Street, was arrested Feb. 12 on East Keigan Street. She was charged with theft by deception including cold check under \$500 (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—A 17-year-old Dawson Springs female was cited Feb. 12 at the Dawson Springs Police Department. She was lodged in the Warren County Regional Detention Center per court officials. She was charged with 22 counts of theft by deception under \$500 and two counts of theft by deception under \$10,000. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Ruby S. Adamson, 32, 315 W. Walnut St., was cited Feb. 13 on West Walnut Street. She was charged with operating on a suspended operator's license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Tanya L. Davis, aka Tanya Hayes, 38, 103 Taylor Ave., Earlington, was arrested Feb. 13 at the Hopkins County Detention Center.

She was charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

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Restaurant Report Released By Hopkins Co. Health Dept.

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Feb. 8 through Feb. 14.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass.

Three Die In 3 Crashes On Ky. Roads Last Week

Three people died in three separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Feb. 11 through Feb. 17.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Floyd, Hopkins and Jefferson. The victims in Floyd and Jefferson counties were not wearing seat belts. The crash in Hopkins County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Feb. 17, preliminary statistics indicate 57 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 32 fewer than

Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Dos Copas — 93

Minor violations:

- Hand sink in kitchen used for storage
- Foods not covered in

freezer

- Cover needed on front of ice machine

• Thermometers needed in all cooling units.

Imperial Garden — 100

No violations.

Ideal Market #11 (Nortonville) — 100

No violations.

Kangaroo Express (Nortonville) — 97

Major violation:

- Antifreeze stored improperly.

Minor violations:

- Soiled wiping cloths stored on counter
- Liquid spillage on floor in walk-in cooler
- Ceiling tile in poor repair (back storage)
- Debris buildup on fan guard in walk-in freezer.

Kangaroo Express (Nortonville) follow-up — 98

Minor violations:

- Debris buildup on fan guard in walk-in freezer
- Ceiling tile in poor repair (back storage)
- Liquid spillage on floor in walk-in.

Applications Being Taken By KSP For CVE Officers

Applications for the position of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 are being accepted by the Kentucky State Police.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, a U.S. citizen, in good health and in possession of a valid driver's license. They must also meet at least one of the following standards: minimum of 54 college semester hours; high school diploma with at least two years of active military duty; two years experience as a full-time, sworn law enforcement officer; or two years experience as a com-

mercial vehicle inspector under the North American Standard requirement.

Interested applicants should visit the Kentucky State Police Web site for more information and to download an application. Go to www.kentuckystatepolice.org and click on Career Opportunities, CVE Officer.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information after visiting the Web site can call 1-866-360-3165 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday or leave a message at any other time.

KSP Investigate Burglary At Mobile Home Park

The Kentucky State Police is investigating a burglary that occurred at a residence in the Crestview Mobile Home Park in Madisonville Feb. 13.

The preliminary investigation revealed two elderly females were inside the residence when two unarmed men entered and inquired about someone who was not there.

The men then left the residence. No injuries were reported, and nothing was taken.



BAILEE COATES carries her plate at the chili supper Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the all-purpose room at the Dawson Springs High School. The chili supper was a fund raiser sponsored by the Dawson Springs High School Panther Band.

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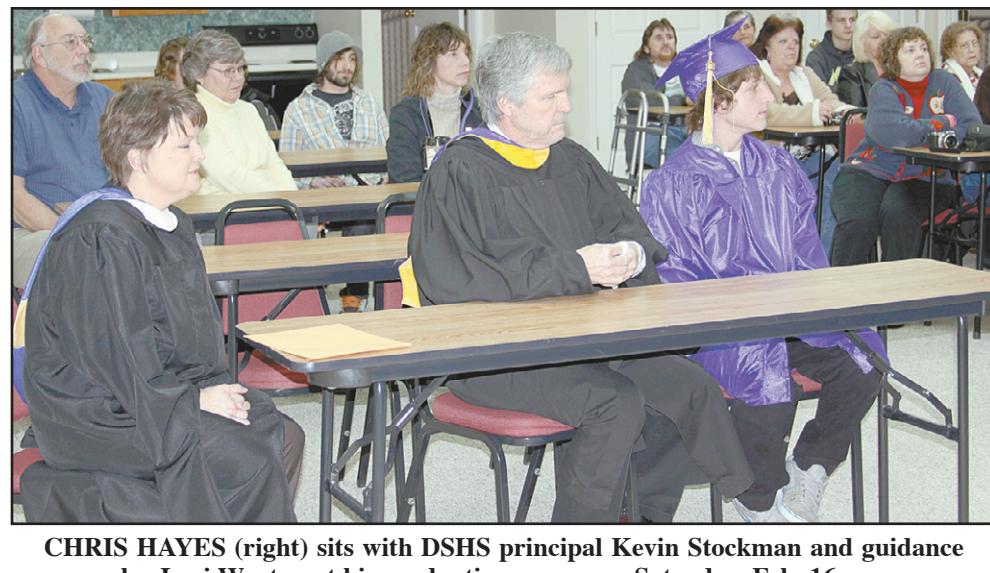
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CHRIS HAYES (right) sits with DSHS principal Kevin Stockman and guidance counselor Lori Wooton at his graduation ceremony Saturday, Feb. 16.

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Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any Kentucky State Trooper, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer or any of the 16 KSP posts located throughout the state. Only 20,000 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn on Aug. 25 at the Kentucky State Fair.

Alcohol Action Delayed By Lyon Co. Fiscal Court

By Jared Nelson
The Times Leader

Lyon County magistrates tweaked an ordinance regulating alcohol sales in the county Thursday, but second reading of the ordinance is being delayed until the end of the month.

The county's fiscal court heard first reading of the ordinance in a special meeting Jan. 25, discussing general issues and concepts that would appear in the final copy.

On Thursday, magistrates reviewed a draft copy of the ordinance prepared by County Attorney Brandon Knoth.

Judge/Executive Wade White suggested a change in

distance requirements for establishments selling alcohol.

The judge/executive's suggestion involves prohibiting alcohol from being sold within 500 feet of school buildings and 300 feet of parks and churches.

The clause effectively prevents alcohol from being sold within the confines of the county's Lee S. Jones Park, including its new Lyon Convention Center.

The court delayed second reading of the ordinance until a special meeting set for 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Lyon County voters approved the legalization of countywide alcohol sales in a special election Jan. 15.

Grant Workshop Planned At Princeton's UK Center

A workshop on grant preparation strategies and opportunities for Kentucky agricultural producers and rural business will be held Monday in Princeton. The workshop is for anyone interested in learning more about how to find and secure funding opportunities, how to prepare strong applications or how to connect with other available resources.

Basic strategies for navigating most grant applications will be discussed. Specific programs which will help par-

ticipants become more familiar with the realities of grant hunting will be highlighted.

The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UK Research and Education Center. Lunch will be provided.

While there is no charge for the workshop, preregistration is required and participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To register, contact Aleta Botts at botts@growkentuckyag.com or 859-951-8328.

Amputee Walking School Set For March 2 At MCC

An amputee walking school, hosted by Madisonville Community College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program, will be held March 2 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brown Badgett Sr. Energy and Advanced Technology Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Baptist Health Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and Kenney Orthopedics.

The school will introduce treatment approaches for improved function and returning to a more active lifestyle. Understanding the dynamics of how artificial devices work and how to use muscles properly to control the devices will

enable individuals to walk/run, move side to side, bend down, jump and climb stairs with more confidence. Increased strength and flexibility help participants to operate more efficiently and conserve energy. One-on-one opportunities and hands-on participation techniques will apply.

Registration fees are \$85 for professionals and \$25 for students. A valid student ID must be shown. Completed registration forms and payment should be sent to Karen Billman, Madisonville Community College, 2000 College Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431.

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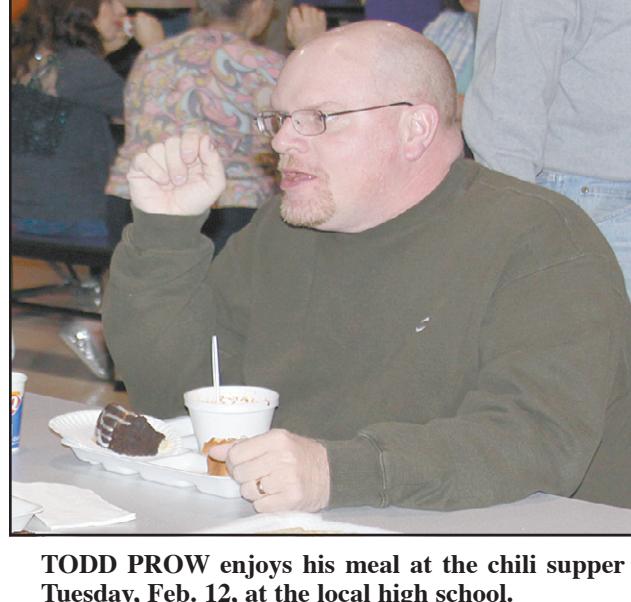
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TODD PROW enjoys his meal at the chili supper Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the local high school.

Six State Highway Deaths Reported Feb. 4-Feb. 10

Six people died in six separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Feb. 4 through Feb. 10.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Clark, Floyd, Madison, Pike and Rockcastle. The victims in Floyd, Madison and Rockcastle counties were not wearing seat belts. The crash in Floyd County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One pedestrian was killed in Carroll County.

Through Feb. 10, preliminary statistics indicate 52 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 23 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 43 motor vehicle fatalities, 24 victims were not wearing seat belts. One of the two motorcycle fatalities was not wearing a helmet. Six pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 11 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of Feb. 10, Kentucky

has had 13 days with zero

highway fatalities reported

during 2013.

Sen. Rhoads Is Named To Serve On Veterans Affairs

Sen. Jerry P. Rhoads, Senate Minority Caucus Whip, has been named to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee. The senator said this committee is a good fit for him personally and for his district.

Rhoads said he is pleased to be named to a committee that addresses issues relating to veterans. He has served on this committee in previous sessions.

"I am happy to be named to a committee that will allow me to continue being a strong voice for our military men and women and veterans across the state," said Rhoads, a veteran who was a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. "I look forward to having a seat at the table as we look at important issues that will im-

pact our veterans and some of our most vulnerable citizens."

The committee looks at matters including veterans' rights, benefits and education, veterans' nursing homes, military affairs and civil defense, national guard, retention of military bases, safety of citizens and security of public buildings and property, and military memorials and cemeteries.

Rhoads also serves on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee and the Judiciary Committee. As a member of Senate leadership, he also has a seat on the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Committees and Rules committees. He will serve on these committees for the next two years.

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By Scott

It Doesn't Take Much To Smile

It's amazing what simple things can make people smile. It's just as amazing what simple things make me smile.

While eating lunch Tuesday at Mi Pueblo, I was reading the paper and minding my own business. Then my phone rang. It was Chip informing me of a potential story — that AT&T had turned on 3G broadband service in Dawson Springs and St. Charles.

Wow! I had to turn the wi-fi off on my phone in order to see it for myself. Sure enough, there it said 4G. (On my iPhone 4S the bar says 4G, but it's not true 4G. It's only an enhanced 3G. This is according to some so-called experts.)

So I checked my e-mail. It went something like this — whoosh! — and all the new messages were on my phone.

Now that's pretty cool.

Everyone knows when something makes you smile, you want to share that smile with others. So on my way back to the office, I wanted to stop and share this news, and hopefully share the smile it gave me.

First stop was the board of education building, and my news did bring a smile to Kent Workman. Some of them at the board office didn't smile, but it wasn't because they didn't like the news — it was because they didn't understand what the news meant.

If you are reading this and don't understand it, that's okay. Not everyone has or needs a smart phone and the fast internet that is needed to make the phone work best.

Next stop was the elementary school to tell Beth. I knew this would make her smile.

But my first stop at the school was the office where I had to sign in and get my little visitor's sticker. I shared the news with three in the office who shall remain nameless since the news didn't bring a smile but more of a "huh?" They did not get it either.

When I told Beth — she got it — and she smiled. As I was walking back toward the office with my wife, Tammy Audas emerged from her classroom asking what I was doing at school.

I shared the news with her — there was another smile.

Upon leaving the elementary school, I thought about stopping at the high school to tell Rhonda Simpson. Anytime there's a UK basketball game and we are at a Panther game, we both try to check the UK score. Since the old internet on our phones was so slow, sometimes it would seem as if it took forever.

Rhonda smiled, and we commented how we now could keep up with other things while watching games in Panther gym.

That's how most of the rest of the day went, sharing news and usually seeing smiles. It doesn't take much to bring a smile, and it's always worth it.

Now one thing that's been

going on that doesn't make me smile is this basketball season. And no, it's not the dismal season the Wildcats are having that I'm speaking of — though that is pretty depressing.

What I don't like about basketball anymore is how the game has changed in recent years.

It started many years ago in the NBA when officials quit calling fouls, and the game ceased being a game of finesse and started being a game of power and strength.

That style of play has now infiltrated the college game and has filtered down to high school games.

If there is much contact from one player to another, then it should be a foul.

And, if it's a foul in the first quarter (or half for college) then it's also a foul at the end of the game.

They have almost ruined what was a fun game to watch.

This hillbilly medical dictionary was given to me by Richard Chiodo...

Artery: the study of fine paintings

Barium: what you do when C.P.R. fails

Benign: what you are after you are eight and before you are ten

Caesarean Section: a district in Rome

Colic: a sheep dog

Coma: a punctuation mark

Congenital: friendly

Dilate: to live long

G.I. Series: baseball game between teams of soldiers

Hangnail: a coathook

Medical Staff: a doctor's cane

Minor Operation: coal digging

Morbid: a higher bid

Node: was aware of

Organic: organ repairman

Outpatient: a person who has fainted

Post-Operative: a letter carrier

Protein: in favor of young people

Tablet: a small table

Tumor: an extra pair

Urine: opposite of you're out

Varicose Veins: veins which are very close

Here are some logical wrong answers to questions:

• Question: In which battle did Napoleon die?

Answer: His last battle.

• Question: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Answer: At the bottom of the page.

• Question: River Ravi flows in which state?

Answer: Liquid.

• Question: What is the main reason for divorce?

Answer: Marriage.

• Question: What is the main reason for failure?

Answer: Exams.

• Question: What can you never eat for breakfast?

Answer: Lunch and dinner.

• Question: What looks like half an apple?

Answer: The other half.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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more Ravens, Michael Oher joined his teammates in experiencing the ultimate football victory on Super Sunday as they claimed the Lombardi trophy and celebrated beneath a shower of confetti and camera flashes inside the Super Dome in New Orleans.

One of the most endearing photographs from that moment came when Oher found Leigh Ann Tuohy, lifted her off the ground, and the two shared an embrace that held much more meaning than the outcome of a single game. Instead, it was a shared joy between a mother and her son as they marked a life saved.

You're probably familiar with the story. Oher was a homeless teenager, the son of a drug-addicted mother and with no ties to his father. The Tuohys took him in,

gave him food, clothing and shelter, but most importantly they gave him a family. He was a foster child, then an adopted son and instead of becoming another statistic, he became an inspiration as he blossomed into a professional athlete.

His story hit the big screen in the Oscar-winning movie, *The Blind Side*, a film that gave Oher and his adopted family a national platform on which to share the importance of foster care and adoption.

How many Michael Obers are there walking the streets today? In Kentucky alone there are approximately 7,000 kids in out-of-home care who need a family to provide the kind of love, support and stability that made Oher's dreams possible. You could be the difference in the life of one of these children.

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Leigh Ann Tuohy told reporters after the game that families don't always have to match. "You don't have to look like someone to love them," she said. "There are wonderful kids all over the country who need a forever family."

If your family has room for one more, contact us for more information about becoming a foster parent. Call 1-855-33i-care, or visit us at www.sunrise.org.

Dr. William Smithwick
President and CEO
Sunrise Children's Services

Special Districts Budget

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So, you see, this makes it really easy for elected officials to blame "someone else" for taxes. The current system was designed by elected officials to allow every elected official in the state to hide from tax increases.

In America, we pride ourselves on having an elected government to represent our interests and make the hard decisions. We vote for people who deal with the tough issues. We need strong leaders who take a stand. Elected officials should be approving special districts' budgets and tax rates, and they should be counting this money in a broader context for public planning of scarce public resources.

Good news is our state legislators seem to be making this a priority. They should consider the following solutions this session:

Every county has a fiscal court judge who is in a position to approve special district budgets and tax rates. Fiscal courts approve the creation of these districts; they should oversee them too. It's common sense. Special districts that don't comply with financial reporting requirements or that have negative audit findings should be dissolved and revert to the county.

Specific reserve funds should be set and anything over that refunded to the public.

Special districts that are run by the county but file their financials separately from the county should be identified in state law as special districts. Many argue they aren't a special district so they are above the law. What are they hiding?

State approval should be required before debt is incurred by special districts, or service territories are extended. State elected officials should determine if taxpayer debt is in the public interest and whether there is a duplication of services before extending districts.

An annual list of average

costs of special district services should be posted by the State so citizens and officials have context when considering just and reasonable tax rates.

Some officials might only be willing to approve the creation of a new statewide database of special districts. The creation of a database will not alone cure this problem. It can be a helpful tracking tool but if it is too costly or presents misleading information to the public, it will make the problem we have worse.

Politicians cannot delegate regulatory authority to a database. A database is not going to ask the tough questions of special district board members in a public setting. A database is not going to analyze or punish special district board members for negative findings in audit reports. A database is not going to approve rates. A database is not going to approve whether a special district should incur debt.

A database is not going to recommend other sources of financing. A database is not going to reduce redundant or inefficient spending practices.

If the database only shows whether special districts filed reports, it will not be helpful. It's the substance of the reports that is essential, and elected officials need to be studying them, holding public meetings about them and making these documents a part of the public record.

Contact your legislator. Ask that he or she muster up the courage to take the lid off of the jar to examine special district receipts before approving further expenses. Families all across Kentucky are doing some version of this, why can't they?

Cheryl Avioli was hired to study special districts for Kentucky Auditor Adam Edelen and offers this viewpoint. She was a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission in New York before moving to Kentucky.



RHONDA SIMPSON makes a dessert selection at the chili supper, sponsored by the local band booster organization, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Kentucky Gaming Question

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Every day, Kentucky residents cross state lines to visit casinos in neighboring states. With them go dollars that should stay in Kentucky to build schools, roads, and fire and police stations; dollars that could help fix a pension mess, assist our seniors or create jobs.

We talk about the trickle down effect of the horse industry. Owners, breeders and racetrack owners need our help — their industry trickles down to so many it is impossible to name them all. Not to mention the number of people who visit the state as tourists because of Kentucky's horse industry.

Well there is another type of trickle down.

David Williams, the former Kentucky Senate president who stalled expanded gaming legislation for years, is no longer around. But the ineptitude of those who should be trying to help the state's flagship industry is. It starts at the top and trickles down.

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Say you haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to go to Confession? No problem. You can simply pick up a Reconciliation (Confession) brochure at the back of church for helpful "how-to" guidance.

Another part of The Light is On for You is prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are making a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith during this same time each Wednesday in Lent in our Catholic Churches all around Western Kentucky.

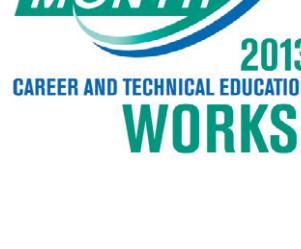
In our area, Earlington, Dawson Springs, and Providence, the following schedule for Leave the Light On, is as follows, when the priest will be available for confessions in our Catholic parish churches and special prayer times too.

All the dates and times will be on Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m., during Lent:

- February 20 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington
- February 27 at Resurrection Church in Dawson Springs
- March 6 at Holy Cross Church in Providence
- March 6 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington
- March 13 at Holy Cross Church in Providence
- March 20 at Resurrection Church in Dawson Springs
- March 27 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington

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No Action Taken On Assessment

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er months, but this is because of tax revenue," Proffitt said. "Now we have to live on it until next tax season."

A job description for the Director of Districtwide Programs, a position created at the January meeting, was approved. Among other duties, the person hired for this position will be responsible for overseeing special education, the gifted and talented program, districtwide professional development and preschool.

The board heard and approved reports on the elementary and junior-senior high council targets for gap reduction. Elementary teacher Holly Peters presented the elementary report in the absence of Jennifer Ward. She noted the percentage of improvement set as a goal by 2017 in key subjects.

Kevin Stockman, junior-senior high principal, discussed the secondary school's 2017 goals along with the percentage of improvement his school hopes to achieve on this spring's testing. He also presented a list of strategies being used by staff and students to achieve the goals.

Transportation Cabinet Offers Survey

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Public input will be used to gauge the expectations of those who travel the state and to plan for the future transportation system.

In addition to the survey, the updated plan will consider changes in communities, freight movement, financial resources, economic de-

"Those are some very good goals, and we should see a lot of work happening," Proffitt commented.

Karen Wallace presented the 2013-2014 technology plan which was approved by the board. The plan, effective July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, guides the district in purchasing, implementation and support of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans. It also includes goals and action plans for their achievement. Wallace said the goals set in the 2012-2013 plan have been met except for two items on a "wish list" which included additional staff.

A working session for board members was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 20 in the conference room.

The board approved the use of Universal Service Funds for the 2013-2014 Web site and approved AT&T as the wireless service provider for the same period.

Two overnight trips were approved. The high school cheerleaders will attend the KHSAA state competition in Bowling Green this weekend, and the band will travel to New Orleans in April. The

use of charter buses for the band trip was also approved.

In his superintendent's report, Proffitt noted that staff members have been issued photo IDs as a safety measure. Volunteers and substitutes will also receive IDs. He also said the administration is looking into a means of controlling freedom of access to the school buildings.

"I don't want us to feel that we are in jail here," he said.

Proffitt updated the board on a meeting he attended in Owensboro Monday with legislators, representatives from three Medicaid providers, and healthcare practitioners. The group discussed the impact a lack of reimbursement is having on school clinics. The Kentucky Spirit Health Plan chosen by most Medicaid eligible families in the area will not reimburse the clinics and is already \$350,000 in arrears to the health department. A future session will be held with the Health Commission in Frankfort focusing on reimbursements.

The only personnel action taken since the last meeting was the hiring of Elizabeth Workman as assistant softball coach.

vey results in late 2013 as well as other information throughout the update of the plan.

Paper surveys are available at KYTC highway district offices, and area development district offices. To request a survey by phone, call 502-564-3419 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Local Food Drive Benefits DAPS

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est numbers seen in January in at least two years. Total monetary assistance given in

2012 was \$5,561.77.

Anyone wishing to contribute in any way may bring donations to DAPS at Belmont Apartment 19B between 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Nonperishable canned and packaged food items are always needed.



CHRIS HAYES presents his mother Debbie with flowers following his graduation from the Access Point program Saturday, Feb. 16. His sister Stephanie Cotton looks on.

Limit Burning During Fire Season

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become too windy. The smallest spark can lead to a dangerous wildfire.

• Properly extinguish smoking materials. Put out cigarettes, cigars or pipes only in cleared areas free of vegetation or debris.

• Avoid parking cars, trucks or recreational vehicles on dry vegetation. The exhaust system on a vehicle

can reach a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees, which could easily start a wildfire.

• Incorporate firewise practices around homes and communities in forested areas. Firewise practices range from creating defensible space around homes by removing leaves, debris and firewood and ensuring access for fire response personnel and equipment in rural or

isolated areas. • Report suspicious acts of arson to the nearest Kentucky State Police post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.

For more information about fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws and safe burning practices, contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 1-800-866-0555 or <http://forestry.ky.gov>.

3G Broadband Activated By AT&T

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enport said.

AT&T is supporting state Senate Bill 88 which will help Kentucky attract new capital.

"We do that by updating and modernizing. We

are trying to make the state more attractive. Other states are updating their laws," said Davenport. "While we are a large company, there is a limited amount of dollars. It does not have anything to do with taking away wire lines."

The company's two-year goal is to make 4G LTE available to 300 million people in the United States.

One of three households is already wireless only, and one third get their voice service over internet lines.



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Seniors Go Out Winners In Last Home Tilt



COLTON CHAPPLE (15), a senior, drives in for a shot in last week's game against Community Christian. Chapple and two other seniors play in the district tourney this week.

Photo by Mike Howton

Panther seniors Reed Smiley, Tré Fambrough and Colton Chapple all scored in double figures in their final home game Thursday night against Christian Fellowship. The seniors led their team to a 52-44 win over the Eagles.

The Panthers finished the regular season with a 6-24 record. They will play Madisonville-North Hopkins in the opening round of the 7th District Tournament tonight at Hopkins County Central. The Maroons are the top seed while the Panthers are the fourth seed.

In what was a close game, the Panthers led 13-9 after the first quarter and 22-19 at the half.

However, the Eagles came back in the third quarter, and the game was tied at 35 entering the fourth period.

"We came out flat in the second half like we thought we were just going to walk through it," head coach Jeff Miller said. "I called timeout and we regrouped."

The Panthers then went into a three-quarter court press on defense. "The press got them rattled a little bit, and they started turning the ball over," Miller said. "We started scoring and pounding the ball inside. We moved the ball well and got to the foul line."

Unlike the last game against Community Christian Academy when the Panthers made only two free throws in 10 attempts, the Panthers shot better against the Eagles, making six of 12 in the second half.

However, the Panthers overall free throw shooting for the game was a dismal seven of 20 for 35 percent.

Miller was proud of all six of his seniors but especially proud of Smiley.

"He had four straight assists for layups for his teammates," Miller said. "He was driving in, kicking out, and they were scoring."

Smiley finished with 10 points while fellow seniors Fambrough and Chapple finished with 16 and 14



TRE FAMBROUGH (left photo) and REED SMILEY (right photo), both seniors, put up shots during action last week against Community Christian Academy (see story on page B3).

Photo by Mike Howton

points, respectively.

"The guys needed to go out with a win," Miller said. "I was happy for them to get this win. The record doesn't tell the story of this season. We had a lot of ups and downs, but they gave everything they had in practice and night in and night out. That's all a coach can ask for."

	PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP	Ch. Fellowship	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	4	2	1	10	16	Panthers	13	22	35	52

3-point goals: Fambrough, 2, Chapple, 2

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Headed To State

PANTHER CHEERLEADERS will compete in the state cheer competition this Saturday in Bowling Green. Here, the squad performs during Friday night's home girls game against Owensboro. Cheerleaders include (from left, top position clockwise in each group) Madison Riggs, Cameron Riley, Christina Hamby, Ashton Coleman, Sydney Menser, Kristin Peek, Aaron McCune, Tatum Rose, Kendel Mitchell, Everli Mitchell, Kaitlyn Menser (face hidden), Raden Purdy, Jon Williams, Marisa Trover, Hannah Childers, India Robinson, Savannah Bean and Kayla Bigham.



TAYLER MILLS (left) works against a Community Christian defender on Thursday. Mills had 33 points in the Panthers' win.

Photo by Mike Howton

The Panther senior girls went out on senior night with a win over Community Christian Academy 65-52 Feb. 12. The win avenged a 61-47 loss on Jan. 29 at Paducah to CCA.

The win was the 12th against 17 losses. It's the most wins for the Panthers since 2004-05 when Coach William Fralick's Panthers were 12-15.

Senior Tayler Mills led all scorers with 33 points.

Fellow seniors Elizabeth Black and Lauren Menser each scored seven.

"I couldn't have asked for my team to play much better on senior night, especially those three seniors," head coach Erik Peyton said. "I've enjoyed coaching them the last two years. Hopefully their leadership skills have rubbed off on some of the others. Someone is going to have to step up and take that role."

The Warriors scored the opening basket for a 2-0 lead and led again at 4-3. Tayler Mills then scored on a layup to put the Panthers in the lead which they would not relinquish.

The score was 12-8 after the first quarter, and the Panthers stretched it to 23-11 at the 2:58 mark of the second quarter. The run included a 3-pointer from Shelby Loney, two free throws from Black, a basket from Loney off an assist from Tiki Robinson, a basket by Robinson and a basket from Hannah Winters off an assist from Black.

Community Christian then scored eight straight points before two free throws from Winters stopped the run. The Warriors then hit a 3-pointer to close the half with the Panthers leading 25-22.

In the third quarter the two teams traded baskets before the Panthers went on a 9-0 run fueled by six points from Mills and three from Menser.

The lead stayed in the nine-12-point range until the end of the quarter when the Panthers held a 45-32 lead.

Mills sealed the game with 13 fourth quarter points and the Panthers had avenged their loss last month to the Warriors.

"It was a much better game

than last time," Peyton said.

The Panthers made 26 of 35 free throws for 74 percent while the Warriors made 13 of 23 for 57 percent.

"I don't say enough about Lauren Menser, but she does an excellent job," Peyton said. "She's improved a heck of a lot on decision making and handling the basketball. She has the ball in her hands about 75 percent of the game when we are on offense. She doesn't get enough recognition. She's very valuable."

The Warriors record slipped to 8-18 with the loss.

	PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	9	14	3	33	
Black	1	4	4	7	
Loney	3	0	5	7	
Menser	1	5	4	7	
Robinson	2	1	4	5	
Winters	2	2	1	6	
TOTALS	18	26	21	65	
3-point goals: T. Mills, Black, Loney					
Comm. Christ. 8	22	32	52		
Panthers 12	25	45	65		

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Calipari: Follow Ted Williams — Take Pay Cut

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



When did a defending NCAA champion not qualify the year after?

Answer? Don't know, but in 1967 defending champion

Texas Western lost in the NCAA's first round, and runner-up (in '66) Kentucky did not make the field at all.

If once fifth ranked Kentucky does not make the 68-team field next month, here's an idea based on a precedent set by Teddy Ballgame, Baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams.

In 1959 the Boston Red Sox star was paid \$125,000. Before the next season, his last, in 1960, Williams said he had under-achieved, hit a career low .254, and insisted on a \$35,000 pay cut. Thirty percent.

Since defending champion Kentucky has underachieved, John Calipari ought take a pay cut, say 30 percent contribution to the University's general fund.

Noel & 'the issue'

Nerlens Noel's knee injury put the kid on an eight month path of grueling rehabilitation. That's the

bad news. Good news is a willowy 18-year-old has a chance to slow it all down a little, step back and watch the parade awhile.

Noel's season ender brought the usual refrain from those who believe a high school senior who wants to go directly to a job, in this case professional basketball, ought have the option.

I agree. Noel's injury is an appropriate time to examine the issue again. Solutions are not as complicated as those who profit from status quo would have us believe.

First, the villains, uh, players. ✓ NBA Players Union. Its contract with owners includes a 19-year-old minimum. Why 19? There is no logical nor legal reason to prevent a high school graduate from pursuing a job.

✓ NCAA. One Internet writer said last week: "(Nerlens) Noel's presence on (a college) campus represents restraint of trade and a bastardization of what college is supposed to be."

Remarkable grasp of the obvious and I love the four-syllable word, don't you?

Gives rise to the third villain in this drama that drips with dollars and greed.

✓ College ball coaches and shoe companies willing to ignore spirit of NCAA rules and operate in the gray areas.

The NCAA has no incentive to change anything as it wallows in piles of cash from television that remind us of Scrooge McDuck's front yard.

A solution is clear.

High school baseball star can be drafted and signed to a professional contract upon graduation. Before signing, if he doesn't like his draft spot, he has another option, college baseball. If he agrees to forego a draft by Major League Baseball team, he is obliged to attend college for two years (minimum).

A two year college scholarship is worth as much as \$200,000?

Two years in college ...

• Opportunity for immature 18-year-old to become a 20-year-old man, physically and otherwise.

• Opportunity for universities and ball coaches to continue piling up Scrooge McDuck-type money.

• Opportunity for athletic apparel companies to increase profits from images of say, Anthony Davis (the Brow) and Nerlens Noel (flat top).

• Opportunity for fans to enjoy heroes they pay dearly to see.

Where's the downside in this scenario?

Should work, right? Long as big money wags the dog, wrong!

Poythress, Goodwin

Few remember it, but four months ago Kentucky was ranked in the Top 5.

Late February and Kentucky coach John Calipari said last week

a couple of his players are "not coachable."

If Kentucky's performance in Knoxville, perhaps worst ever, maybe Calipari is right. Good thing the coach burned the game tape. He won't have seen players in blue uniforms turning their backs on their coach while being instructed ... on national television. Outrageous.

Apparently coddled and cradled, Alex Poythress and Archie Goodwin arrived at UK with bloated sense of self. Like most 18-year-olds (going on 15 at times), they expected a seven month stay at Kentucky before a flight to New York and a David Stern handshake.

Last Saturday in Knoxville they were openly pouty and combative juveniles headed to the doghouse.

Goodwin and Poythress growing pains in public are not new of course.

In 1979, a wizard at getting to the basket was Dwight Anderson. Trouble was, kid from Dayton was a hard head unwilling to control his emotions, listen to his coaches. He left for Southern Cal, later had a cup of coffee in the NBA, then returned to Dayton and to rue the day, instead of growing up, he left Kentucky, calling it the worst mistake of his life.

In 1985 the new phenom at Kentucky was Master Blaster. Like Poythress, Richard Madison was a Tennessean with grand promise and comparisons to Charles Barkley. Four years on the

only thing Madison blasted was the training table menu. His weight went up, playing time went down and he became a master fizzle.

Worth repeating dept.

Syracuse ball coach Jim Boeheim keeps it real. Doesn't step back from ambitious and feisty sports reporters either, including ESPN hotshot Andy Katz.

Before one on-air interview Boeheim told Katz he would not discuss a case involving former assistant Bernie Fine. On air, Katz, trying to show his journalistic toughness tried repeatedly to bully Boeheim into discussing it anyway.

"(Katz) asked me, like, 10 times on camera," the coach told reporters. "He never took the camera off me."

Afterward, Boeheim told Katz "right then and there, 'Don't talk to me. Do not try to talk to me again.'"

The Boeheim-Katz tempest became news when Boeheim apparently referred to Katz as "an idiot."

A reporter asked Boeheim if he had regrets about the Katz matter? "I probably shouldn't have called him an 'idiot,'" he said. "That slipped out."

And so it goes..

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Water Is Cold This Time Of Year, But Fishing Can Be Hot

By Art Lander

If fishing is one of your true loves, then think of Valentine's Day as the start of the best fishing of the year for sauger and walleye in Kentucky rivers and tailwaters. The water may still be cold with temperatures in the high 30s and low 40s, but the fishing can be hot.

"What's challenging about sauger is it's either boom or bust," said fisheries biologist Ryan Oster, of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It's a seasonal fishery because of their biology."

The best opportunity of the year to catch sauger in numbers is when they gang up below dams, prior to spawning. "By April, they disperse and migrate back down river," said Oster. "They are so spread out it's hard to catch more than one or two."

Kentucky has six rivers that support quality sauger fisheries — the Mississippi, Ohio, Kentucky, lower Green, lower Tennessee and Cumberland. Statewide, there's a daily creel limit of six sauger, with no minimum size limit; however, special regulations apply in some waters.

Walleye are present in six central and eastern Kentucky lakes: Lake Cumberland, Laurel River Lake, Carr Fork Lake, Nolin River Lake, Paintsville Lake and Green River Lake. These fishable populations were established through decades of stockings and intensive management. They began in the 1960s when the fisheries division stocked the Lake Erie strain of walleye, which is more suited to lake environments.

In the late winter, these walleye also make seasonal runs upstream into tailwaters where they stack up below dams. The tailwaters below Lake Cumberland and Green River

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Lake probably offer the best opportunities to catch walleye this time of year.

Typically, walleye escape from lakes when there is a sudden rise due to heavy rains or snow melt. Walleye in rivers are attracted to the current that's created by heavy discharges through dams.

Statewide, there's a 15-inch minimum size limit on walleye and a six-fish daily creel limit.

Oster said vertical jigging is his go-to presentation for catching both sauger and walleye in late winter.

"It's easy to efficiently probe bottom structure such as humps, rock piles, and deep holes," said Oster. "Sauger and walleye also like to stack up in eddies and along current seams below dams. They conserve energy by staying out of the current, then dart out to grab a minnow as it swims by."

By fishing vertically, there's less chance of getting hung up, too. "Use your electronics to locate fish and then put your lure right in front of their noses," he said.

Sauger and walleye typically lay right on or close to the bottom and look up for prey to ambush. "They have good vision and can see the colors green and orange best," said Oster.

Oster prefers tipping his lead head jigs with plastic curlytail grubs rather than live minnows.

"You can catch multiple fish without having to re-bait," he said. "A 3/8th or 1/2-ounce jig is usually heavy enough to stay in contact with the bottom where I fish, but in deeper water or in heavier current, more weight is needed. Raise

and lower the rod so that the jig swims along about four inches off the bottom."

A second option is vertical jigging blade baits, thin metal crankbaits with lead heads that imitate a shad. "I lower the bait down until it hits bottom, then I reel it up about six inches," explained Oster. "I pull the lure up, with a sharp jerk of the rod, and keep the line tight enough to feel the lure wobble back down. Most bites will occur on the fall."

A third vertical presentation for sauger and walleye in the late winter is rigging a floating crankbait on the 3-way swivel, with the weight on the bottom and a small, floating crankbait tied to an 18- to 24- inch leader that's tied to the third eyelet. This presentation allows the weight to slip or break off while saving the expensive crankbait.

Sauger and walleye are closely related, members of family Percidae. Walleye have a prominent dark blotch on the first dorsal fin. Coloration is dark green on the back.

The yellowish sides have faint markings, and the belly is milky white. Sauger are darker, with distinctive brown saddle-like markings across their back and sides.

The current license year expires Feb. 28. If you plan to fish after March 1, you'll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods section of department stores and tackle shops.

Licenses and permits may also be purchased online from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-877-598-2401.

The entire Spring Fishing Frenzy series will be posted at this same website for future access to these articles.

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Deadline Nears For LBL Turkey Hunt Applications

The application period for the spring turkey-hunting season at Land Between The Lakes (LBL) is drawing to a close. The deadline for hunters to apply online for a quota permit is Feb. 28. Hunters will be selected for the available quota permits by computer drawing.

Three quota hunts in both Kentucky and Tennessee during the first portion of the season require a prior application. In Kentucky, quota hunts include a two-day youth hunt

for hunters (under age 16 on the Kentucky portion of LBL) March 30-31, a two-day hunt April 9-10, and a two-day hunt April 13-14. In Tennessee, quota hunts include a two-day youth hunt (for hunters 6-16 years old on the Tennessee portion) April 6-7, a two-day hunt April 9-10, and a two-day hunt April 13-14. No hunting is permitted between these dates.

Hunters can apply online at www.lbl.org/Hunting.html Feb. 1-28. Applicants can check the

website beginning March 18, to see if they were drawn. The Quota Hunt application fee will remain \$5 for an online application. LBL's Hunter Use Permit cost will increase to \$25 and the Hunter Use/Backcountry Camping Combo will increase to \$35 March 1.

The non-quota hunting season, which does not require a prior application, is one 14-day hunt, April 15-28 in Kentucky, and two 7-day hunts April 15-21 and April 22-28 in

Tennessee.

Hunters may continue to use the 2012 Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) available on the website until the 2013 MVUM is posted. Printed copies are also available at the Golden Pond Visitor Center.

Licensed motorized vehicles are only permitted on roads identified on the MVUM and on the LBL Recreation Map.

Hunters will want to be sure to refer to the MVUM when scouting and hunting on LBL.

forms the base of the food chain. They grow large — a big-head carp caught in Missouri weighed 111 pounds — and breed prolifically. Young sport fish like crappie and bass, and other plankton feeders such as paddlefish, shad and buffalo, are being robbed of the food they need to thrive."

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Kentucky will unleash a full-court press against invasive carp during a tournament being held in March.

The Carp Madness Tournament will get teams of commercial anglers competing in a contest to corral the growing population of Asian carp in two of the state's largest and most popular fishing lakes.

Five teams that bring back the highest poundage of fish will split \$20,000, with the top prize being \$10,000.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is putting together this unique event for March 12-13 at Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

"We believe this is the first freshwater tournament for commercial anglers in the country," said Ron Brooks, fisheries director for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Commercial anglers are the most effective way to control Asian carp, so we thought that we'd make a competition out of the effort."

Asian carp species of concern include bighead carp, silver carp and black carp. These fish were brought to America by fish farmers in the 1970s. They escaped into the wild soon afterward and soon became established in the Mississippi River.

These carp first appeared in the tailwaters of Barkley and Kentucky lakes in 1987. Since then, Asian carp have spread throughout the entire 665 miles of the Ohio River bordering Kentucky. They also have spread into the Kentucky River, Green River, Salt River and the Rough River.

Nationally, Asian carp have spread throughout the Mississippi River basin and could threaten the Great Lakes if they make it past electrical barriers.

"Asian carp are a threat to our native species and habitats because they compete with other fish for the plankton which

Missed Opportunities Haunt Panther Boys

Missed opportunities, missed shots, missed rebounds and missed free throws all add up to a missed chance to win the senior night basketball game for the Panther boys Feb. 12 against Community Christian Academy.

The Panthers made only two of 10 free throws for 20 percent including one of five in each of the second and third quarters. The lone third quarter free throw and a lone basket by Dylan Simpson was all the scoring the Panthers had in the decisive quarter when the Warriors took the lead.

The Panthers led 12-8 after the first quarter with Reed Smiley and Colton Chapple each making a 3-pointer and the Panthers leading throughout the quarter.

In the second quarter, despite the poor free throw shooting, the Panthers kept the lead through the period and led 26-22 at the half. Tré Fambrough hit two 3-pointers, and Simpson hit one to keep the Panthers ahead.

In the third quarter, the 3-pointers the Panthers had been making quit falling, and their poor marksmanship from the free throw line continued. The Warriors' offense wasn't much better, but they did score the final four points of the quarter to take the lead 30-29 after three quarters.

"We just wanted to shoot 3s all night," Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. "When we started missing them, we kept shooting them."

The Panthers tied the game at 32 in the final period on one of those 3-pointers by Fambrough. However, the Warriors retook the lead and never relinquished it.

"They had a lot of second and third opportunities, especially in the second half," Miller said. "They were longer and would tap it away from us. We were blocking out, but they would knock it away from us because of their length."

The Panther coach lamented his team's dismal shooting from the free throw line and from the field.

"We had some good looks from five to 10 feet, but just couldn't hit them," he said. "My guys played their hearts out. It was senior night, and they wanted to win. I was proud of them."

The Panthers' record slipped to 5-24 with the loss while the Warriors improved to 9-20.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	3	0	4	7
Fambrough	8	0	4	21
Chapple	2	1	4	7
T. Puckett	1	0	1	2
Ja. Adams	0	0	0	0
Stevens	1	1	2	3
Simpson	2	0	1	5
B. Puckett	0	0	4	0
TOTALS	17	2	20	45

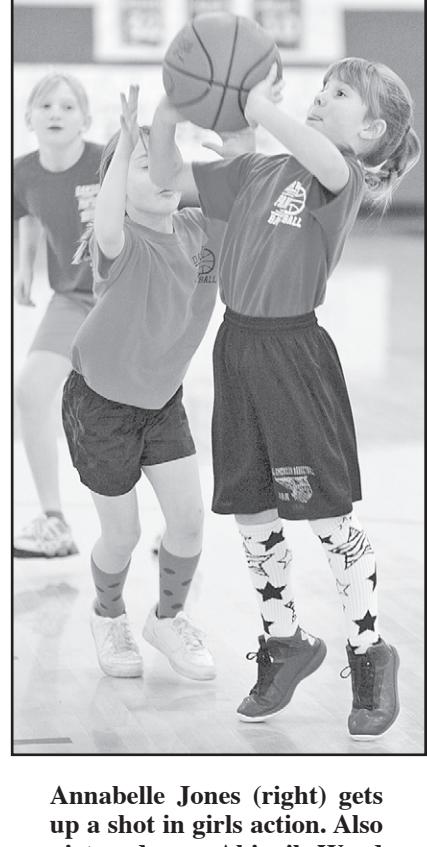
3-point goals: Fambrough, 5, Chapple, 2, Smiley, Simpson

Comm. Christ.	8	22	30	49
Panthers	12	26	29	45



ETHAN JONES (left) puts up a shot while Casey Jo Fain defends during youth action on Saturday.

Photo by Mike Howton



Annabelle Jones (right) gets up a shot in girls action. Also pictured are Abigail Ward and Amber Putman.

Photo by Mike Howton



Chris Jones (center) looks to put up a shot while Logan Spurlin and Dylan Dawson play defense.

Photo by Mike Howton



ANDIE MILLS (left) dribbles around an Owensboro defender during the final game of the regular season for the Panther girls on Friday.

Photo by Mike Howton

Owensboro Defeats Girls In Regular-Season Finale

In the final home game of the year the Panther girls lost 72-49 to a very good Owensboro Senior team Friday night at Panther gym.

"Owensboro is a good team,"

Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "They are all athletic. They get up and down the court and press. All those things are good preparation for the district tournament. They are similar to what we are facing in Madisonville. That came at a good time of the year, right before the tournament."

The Panthers played Madisonville-North Hopkins last night. (The score was not known at press time.)

The Devils jumped on the Panthers early, scoring the first four points of the game before Tayler Mills scored on a layup with only 17 seconds gone on the clock.

Owensboro scored four more before Mills hit a 15-footer off an assist from Elizabeth Black to make the score 8-4.

From there it was all Owensboro as they scored 10 straight points on the way to a 24-8 lead after the first quarter.

The Panthers made a run in the second quarter, closing a 33-12 Devils' lead to 33-19 as Lauren Menser scored on an inbounds play, and Mills hit a 3-pointer and two free throws.

After that Panther run, the Devils again took over to lead 42-20 at the half.

In the third quarter the Devils stretched the lead out to 32 points and led 61-29 entering the final period.

The Devils' lead reached 35-points in the final quarter which allowed the clock to run continuously except during free throws. However, the Panthers made a comeback to cut that lead to the final 72-49 as Mills scored

13 points in the quarter to close with 29 points in her final game at Panther gym.

The Devils' Sade Greer led all scorers with 30 points.

"We got beat by 23 points," Peyton said. But on the positive side he continued, "We gained some confidence from it because we played with them and never gave up."

Owensboro's record is 18-10. They beat 2nd Region power Webster County 76-53 and 7th District favorite Madisonville-North Hopkins 57-40.

"If we come and play the best ball we can play, we can beat a lot of teams on any given night," Peyton said. "But we have to be focused and ready to play. It can't be just a couple of them."

The Panthers made 17 of 20

free throws for 85 percent. Ow

ensboro made 13 of 24 for 54

percent.

"I'm proud of all the girls for the effort they are giving," Peyton said. "They are sticking with it and staying together, doing what they need to do for the most part to win ball games."

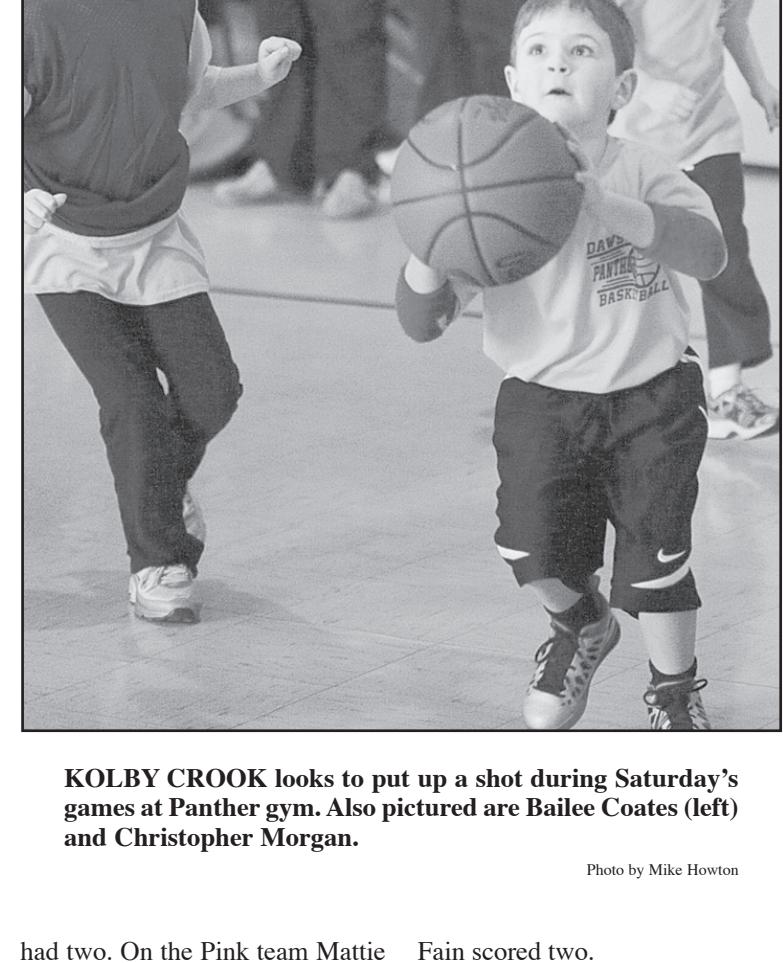
The Panthers finished the regular season with a 12-18 record.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	7	12	5	29
Black	1	0	5	2
Loney	1	0	5	2
Menser	1	2	3	4
Robinson	3	0	2	6
Al. Mills	1	0	0	3
An. Mills	0	2	1	2
Bruch	0	1	0	1
Winters	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	14	17	22	49

3-point goals: T. Mills, 3, Al. Mills

Owensboro	24	42	61	72
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Panthers	8	20	29	49
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KOLBY CROOK looks to put up a shot during Saturday's games at Panther gym. Also pictured are Bailee Coates (left) and Christopher Morgan.

Photo by Mike Howton

had two. On the Pink team Mattie Fain scored nine points; and Madie Huddleston had eight.

Dawson's Black team beat Butler's Orange team 38-10. On the Black team Ethan Jones scored 20 points; Dylan Dawson scored 10 points; Nathan Drake and Cameron Morris had eight; and Calob Davis had two. On the Yellow team Matthew Cunningham scored nine points and Gage Smiley scored three points.

Birdie Thomas' White team beat Misty Butler's Orange team 32-11. On the White team Angel Mendoza scored 18 points; Logan McKnight scored 13 points; and Michael Burgess had one. On the Orange team Aldron Tedder scored five points; Gage Smiley scored three points; Casey Fain had two; and Noah Chappel had one.

Steve Pleasant's Blue team beat Oldham's Pink team 27-17. On the Blue team Kylie James scored 16 points; Alli Pleasant scored six points; Annabelle Jones had three points; and Lexi Morgan

Fain scored two.

Josh Riley's Purple team beat Cunningham's Red team 44-25.

On the Purple team Owin Riley scored 12 points; Braxton Cotton scored 11 points; Ethan Fain had nine points; and Austin Towe and Ethan Huddleston both had six points. On the Red team Cole Cunningham scored 13 points; Skylar Clark had six points; Brennan Cunningham had four; and Ethan Stuart had two points.

JV Girls Drop Finale

The Panther junior varsity girls finished their season Friday night at Panther gym with a 37-18 loss to Owensboro.

The game was close throughout the first quarter with Owensboro leading 7-4 at the end of the period.

However, the Panthers didn't score in the second quarter while Owensboro produced 15 points in the quarter to take a 22-4 lead at the half.

Both teams only scored four points in the third quarter, and the Panthers faced a 26-8 deficit entering the final quarter.

Andie Mills and Hannah Winters led the Panthers in scoring with six points; Tiki Robinson scored four; and Ashton Mitchell scored two points.

JV Guys Defeat CFS

The Panther junior varsity boys finished the season with a 41-29 win at Christian Fellowship School Thursday. It was their second win of the season.

The Panthers led throughout the game, 10-3 after the first period; 24-13 at the half; and 37-19 after the third quarter.

Dylan Simpson led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 10 points. Nine other Panthers scored as everyone was able to log some minutes. Daniel Walker scored nine points; Austin Stevens scored six; Dakota Matheny had four; and Jacob Adams, Jeremiah Adams, Brad Puckett, Tanner Adams, Hunter Dyer and Trace Menser each scored two points.

Reports Indicate Success In Tax Amnesty Program

Initial figures from Kentucky's Tax Amnesty program show a strong response from delinquent taxpayers. Actual and estimated receipts of \$56.9 million slightly exceed the budgeted amount of \$56.7 million. However, total revenue attributed to amnesty will not be conclusive until the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

"More than 27,000 delinquent taxpayers from all 120 Kentucky counties and all 50 states participated," said Lori H. Flanery, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. "This means we have 27,000 more taxpayers who are now compliant and have come clean with the commonwealth of Kentucky."

According to the Department of Revenue, the largest payment under amnesty was \$6 million. The average payment was \$1,300 for individuals and \$3,300 for businesses.

Approximately 1,500 tax-

payers, who could not pay their outstanding liability in full before amnesty ended, took advantage of setting up a payment plan. Those payments must be reached in full by May 31 — otherwise interest, penalties and fees will be added back.

"Our goal with this amnesty program was not only to achieve the amount we projected, but to make it easy for taxpayers to comply," said Tom Miller, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue. "I am so proud of our staff in revenue. They worked tirelessly preparing for amnesty, executing the

program and now following up."

A final report on the overall success of the amnesty program will be available soon after the end of the fiscal year. The last tax amnesty program in Kentucky was held in 2002.

Following are additional facts and figures about Kentucky's amnesty program:

— 60 percent of applications were from businesses; 40 percent from individuals.

— 86 percent of applications were from in-state versus out-of-state.

— The top five counties for number of applications received were Jefferson, Fayette, Kenton, Boone and Oldham.

— Beyond the commonwealth, the top five states for number of applications received were Ohio, Indiana, Florida, Tennessee and Illinois.

— The 61-day amnesty program ran from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, 2012.

— More than 175,000 packets were sent out to delinquent taxpayers.

— Amnesty participants must remain current over the next three years or face reinstated penalties, fees and interest.

— Those who did not participate in amnesty face stiffer fees and additional interest.

— An extensive advertising and public relations campaign generated awareness of the amnesty program.

— This was the third amnesty program ever offered to delinquent Kentucky taxpayers.

Kentucky Workforce Board Unveils Improved Web Site

The Kentucky Workforce Investment Board has launched its new more user friendly and professional Kentucky Work Ready Communities Web site at <http://workready.ky.gov>.

The Kentucky Work Ready Communities certification from KWIB and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet assures employers that a local workforce has the talent and skills necessary to staff existing jobs and to master the innovative technologies new jobs will require.

"The new Web site really reflects how much the Kentucky Work Ready Communities program has evolved since it was started in the state a year ago," said Ed Holmes, chairman of the

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To be designated a Kentucky Work Ready Community, business, education, economic development and elected leaders must collaborate and apply for the certification. Counties have to meet criteria in six areas including high school graduation rate, National Career Readiness Certificate holders, demonstrated community commitment, educational attainment, soft-skills development and digital literacy.

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In addition to her parents, she was preceded by a son, Bobby Joe Cook; and a brother, Robert Sisk.

Survivors include two sons, John O. Cook and David Wayne Cook, both of Crofton; a sister, Barbara Abbott of Dawson Springs; six grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and several nephews.

Pallbearers were Kevin Abbott, John Robert Cook, Neal Gifford, Travis Cook, James Mart and Bobby Joe Cook Jr.

Southern Grace Featured This Week On Jubilee

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will feature Southern Grace at 7 p.m. Saturday.

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Tree Seedlings Offered

With spring just around the corner, now is the perfect time for landowners, businesses, local governments, churches and homeowners to plan their tree-planting activities by ordering tree seedlings through the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Nearly 50 tree species including white oak, black walnut, eastern white pine, bald cypress, yellow-poplar, redbud, persimmon, pawpaw and hazelnut are available by calling toll free 1-800-866-0555. Order forms are available online at <http://forestry.ky.gov>; click on the quick link entitled Seeding Orders and State Nurseries.

These bare-root seedlings are available in quantities of 10 or 100 ranging in price from \$30 to \$48 per bundle and are ideal for local Arbor Day celebrations, wildlife habitat enhancement, timber production, erosion control, windbreaks and numerous other conservation projects.

KDF seedlings are often purchased by local businesses for giveaways to customers, employees and to local schools for students to take home. For specific information about the characteristics of individual species and their availability, contact the division's toll-free number or Web site.

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White School Road

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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Training Union, 6 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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"I know I don't get paid to THINK around here, but I think you'd better call the Fire Department."

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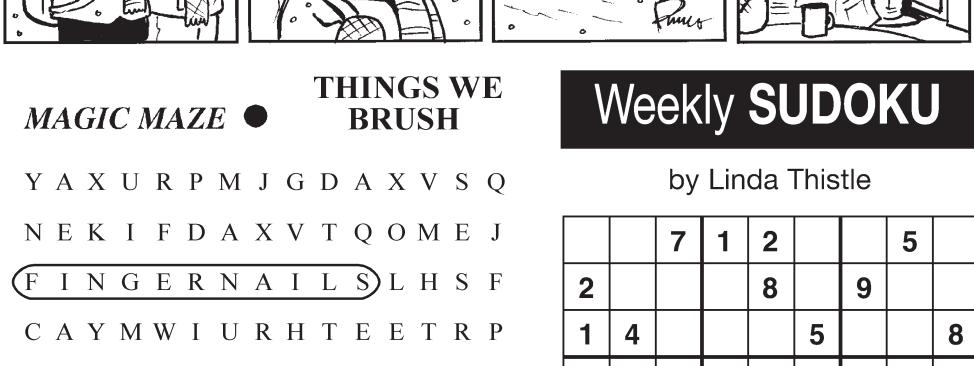
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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



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1. GEOGRAPHY: What country lies northwest of Colombia?
 2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food is fusilli?
 3. POLITICS: How many popular votes separated Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election?
 4. LITERATURE: What 19th-century novel starts with the line, "There was no possibility of taking a walk that day"?

5. TELEVISION: On "Bonanza," what was the name of the character played by Michael Landon?
 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the popular name of the Scottish outlaw Robert MacGregor?
 7. MEDICINE: What is the function of the chemical substance called heparin?

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"I'd advise you to help another little old lady across the street quickly before you lose your nerve."

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1 Original texts: Abbr.
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 11 Soda giant
 20 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
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 23 Jagger and Fleetwood out in a blizzard?
 25 Stencil work
 26 Inflated self
 27 Pay to play
 28 Bags used by some opera stars?
 29 Fauna counterparts
 32 Top draft status
 34 Santa — wind
 35 Kit — bar
 36 King of Thebes gets into a crash?
 40 Job detail, briefly
 43 Triage areas, briefly
 44 Perform the duties of
 45 2.0 grades
 47 Tibetan city
 51 Shia's god

52 Golf course on another planet?
 55 Concerning
 58 Massey of film
 60 Knight's mount
 61 "Take — from me ..."
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 65 Pageant adornment
 67 Palindromic "before"
 68 Silk alternative
 69 Opposite of east, in Spanish
 72 Of a forearm bone
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 75 Actress Teri
 79 Dixie rodeo horses?
 83 Former New York stadium
 85 Is lionlike
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**Pennyriple Homemakers
Meet At Branch Library**

The Pennyriple Homemakers met Feb. 8 in the Katherine Barnett meeting room at the Dawson Springs Branch Library. Wanda Hughes was the hostess. The room was decorated for Valentine's Day with netting and bows from The Peach Tree and red table cloths from Mary Adams.

The meeting was called to order by president JoAnn Edwards. Naomi Stallins read the thought for the day, "Slow dancing in life isn't the same as waltzing through it."

Jean Massamore led the devotional by praising the Knights of Columbus for their suggestion of giving one can of food each day during Lent to help support the DAPS program. She then read a poem, "Morsel of Kindness."

Thirteen answered roll call by telling the funniest thing that had happened to them on Valentine's Day. They were Sharon Budd, Ruth Buzzard, Virginia

Chaney, Charlotte Cooley, Doris Franklin, Anna Lipford, Dorothy Menser, Jeanne Moore, Beverly Seibert, Sophie Logan, Edwards, Massamore and Stallins.

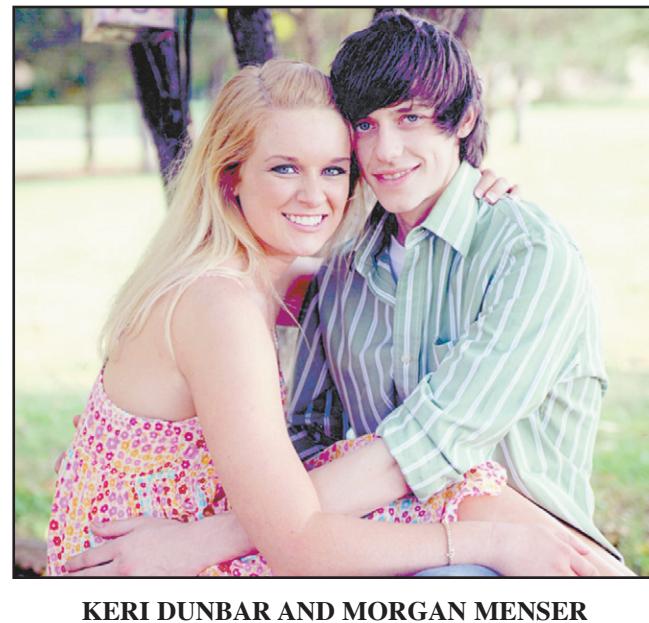
Chaney read the minutes. Lipford distributed information on Fashion Frenzy to be held April 25 at the UK Research Center in Princeton. The cost is \$12, and the registration deadline is April 15.

The Cultural Arts Day at the U.K. Agricultural Farm in Princeton was discussed. Logan may display some of her homemade articles.

Lipford also gave the lesson, Organic and Natural Foods, What do They Mean?

Seibert gave members a bag of Valentine candy with a blank card. Everyone wrote her own verse and read it to the group. Massamore was the winner of a gift certificate from The Peach Tree.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. March 8 at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park.



KERI DUNBAR AND MORGAN MENSER
Announce upcoming marriage

**Keri Dunbar To Marry
Morgan Brent Menser**

Donnie and Karla Dunbar announce the engagement of their daughter, Keri Lynn Dunbar, to Morgan Brent Menser, son of Kim Menser and Brent Menser.

The bride-elect is a 2007

graduate of Hopkins County Central High School.

The prospective groom is a 2008 graduate of Dawson Springs High School.

A March wedding is planned. Invitations will be sent.



DAKOTA SHANE MATHENY, son of Penni Matheny and the late Darrin Matheny, with his mother and grandfather John Lay, is recognized during the Dawson Springs High School senior night activities, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

photo by Mike Howton



T. J. PUCKETT, with parents Tim and Phyllis Puckett, was one of the Dawson Springs High School seniors recognized at the Tuesday, Feb. 12, basketball game.

photo by Mike Howton



REED SMILEY, with his parents David Smiley and Meredith Gentry, was one of the Dawson Springs High School seniors recognized at the Tuesday, Feb. 12, basketball game.

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MARISA TROVER receives a rose from her coach Tammy Workman during the Dawson Springs High School senior night activities, Tuesday, Feb. 12. Marisa is the daughter of Tracy and Rickey Trover.

**Sarah Hall Will Appear
In WKU Performance**

Sarah Caitlin Hall, of Dawson Springs, a Western Kentucky University sophomore, is a cast member in The Pirates of Penzance.

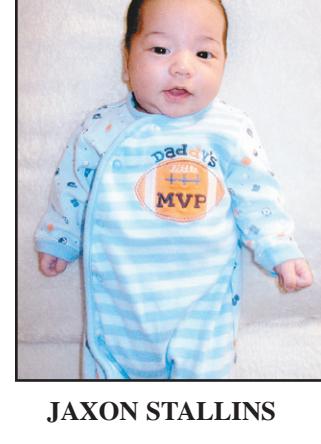
The show, a joint production of the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Department of Music, will be performed March 1-3 in WKU's Van Meter Hall. Performance times are 8 p.m. March 1 and 2 and 3 p.m. March 3. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$15 for students. Advance tickets are available online at wku.showare.com or by phoning the box office at 745-3121.

Jaxon P. Stallins Is Born

Kari Mason and Nathan Stallins of Princeton announce the birth of a son Jaxon Paul Stallins. The 7 pound, 4.2 ounce baby was 18.25 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jenny Smith, Jacksonville, Ark., and Tom Mason, Princeton. Maternal great-grandparents are Clinton and Louise Ray, Princeton, and Jim and Fern Mason, Kyle, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are LaDonna and Glenn Washburn, Dawson Springs, and Stan Stallins, Owensboro. Paternal great-grandparents are Lena Beshear, Dawson Springs, and the late Paul



JAXON STALLINS

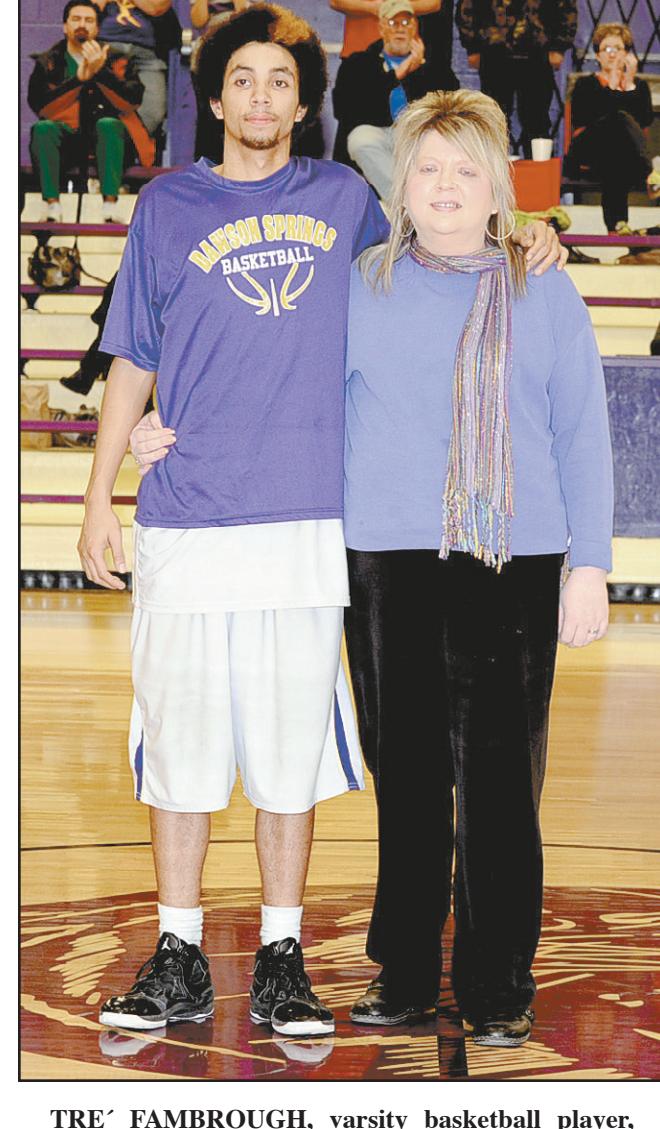
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Jaxon Paul was welcomed home by a sister, Addison Greer.

**Henderson's Audubon Park
Celebrating 75 Year Mark**

John James Audubon State Park in Henderson is celebrating its 75th anniversary during 2013 and has scheduled several special events throughout the year.

The park is named for the famous wildlife artist who made Henderson his home in the early 1800s. The park has a museum dedicated to Audubon's life and his work, as well as a nature center.



TRE' FAMBROUGH, varsity basketball player, with his mother Leah Tossi, is recognized during the Dawson Springs High School senior night activities, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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COLTON CHAPPLE, son of Scott and Jennifer Mitchell, is recognized by his coach Jeff Miller, at the Tuesday, Feb. 12, basketball game.